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USUN USIA WASHDC JULY 20, 1977 REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, IV

SUBJECT: IVORIAN CABINET CHANGES

1. PRESIDENCY TODAY ANNOUNCED SWEEPING CHANGES IN IVORIAN  
GOVERNMENT. NUMBER OF CABINET POSITIONS REDUCED FROM 36  
TO 30. NINE MINISTERS HAVE LEFT GOVERNMENT ENTIRELY AND  
THREE NEW MINISTERS APPOINTED. AMONG MOST DRAMATIC CHANGES  
ARE:

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: ASSOUAN USHER LEAVES GOVERNMENT,  
REPLACED BY UN AMBASSADOR SIMEON AKE.

ECONOMY AND FINANCE: HENRI KONAN BEDIE LEAVES GOVERN-  
MENT, REPLACED BY BUDGET MINISTER ABDOULAYE KONE.  
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PLAN: MOHAMED DIAWARA LEAVES GOVERNMENT, FUNCTIONS  
ALSO ASSUMED BY ABDOULAYE KONE.

AGRICULTURE: ABDOULAYE SAWADOGO LEAVES GOVERNMENT,  
REPLACED BY DENIS BRA KANON, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR AGRI-  
CULTURAL MODERNIZATION.

INTERIOR: MINISTER OF STATE MATHIEU EKRA WILL HEAD NEW  
MINISTRY FOR REFORM OF STATE SOCIETIES, AND BE REPLACED BY  
MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION THIERRY LEBBE.

CULTURE: JULES HIE NEA LEAVES GOVERNMENT, REPLACED BY  
WELL-KNOWN AUTHOR AND POET BERNARD DADIE.

2. LEAVING GOVERNMENT AND NOT REPLACED ARE LOUA DIOMANDE,  
MINISTER OF STATE; KAUL MELEDJE, COOPERATION (MINISTRY  
ABOLISHED); YAO KOUMAN, SOCIAL AFFAIRS (COMBINED WITH HEALTH  
AND POPULATION); DACOURY TABLEY, PROTECTION OF NATURE  
(ABOLISHED).

3. OTHER MINISTRIES ABOLISHED ARE BUDGET (PREVIOUSLY ABDOULAYE  
KONE, WHO WILL PRESUMABLY CARRY FUNCTIONS WITH HIM TO ECONOMY,  
FINANCE AND PLAN); AND CONSTRUCTION (TO BE COMBINED WITH  
PUBLIC WORKS). MINISTER OF LABOR VANI BI TRA WILL TAKE  
ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR IVORIANIZATION.

4. COMPLETE GOVERNMENT LIST FOLLOWS SEPTEL.  
STEARNS UNQUOTE VANCE

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